

AMENDMENT C

Claim 18 has been amended to clarify the subject matter of the present invention. Claims 1-25 remain pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-25 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 5,963,664 to Kumar et al.

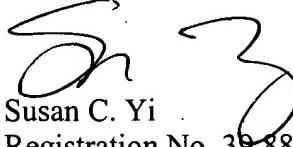
The rejection is respectfully traversed. The Examiner argues that the functions of Kumar's Fig. 8 show an active image. Fig. 8 describes the creation of a synthetic image taken from a new viewpoint by reprojecting the existing image mosaic using estimated pose parameters that register the existing mosaic to the new image (see Col. 11, lines 33-54). "Fig. 8 only depicts the processes for warping the mosaic to the image." (see Col. 12, lines 2-3). This appears to create a "new image" that is displayed alone without other images since the new image appears to be synthetic image of a new viewpoint of the mosaic. Accordingly, it is believed that Kumar fails to teach or suggest the recitation of claims 1, 18, 23, and 24 of "displaying one or more context images while said series of active images is displayed, each context image being at least part of an image represented by a previously displayed frame of the set of temporally sequential frames of visual data, said frame no longer corresponding to an active image such that the context image is displayed as a static image." Accordingly, it is believed that Claims 1, 18, 23, and 24 are allowable.

Claims 2-19 and 25 depend from claim 1, and claims 19-22 depend from claim 18, and are all believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment with additions underlined and deletions struck through. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

18. A visual display of a panoramic region, comprising:

an active display comprising a series of active images that are generated from temporally sequential frames of visual data, wherein

each frame of visual data represents an image defining a region within the panoramic region such that at least two of the images define regions that do not coincide; and

each displayed image is positioned on a display screen with respect to the position of other displayed images on the display screen in accordance with the spatial relationship in the panoramic region of the content of the displayed image to the content of the other displayed images; and

a context display comprising one or more context images displayed while an active image is displayed, each context image being at least part of an image represented by a previously displayed frame of the set of temporally sequential frames of visual data, said frame no longer corresponding to an active image such that the context image is displayed as a static image.